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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Higley

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Art Unit/Examiner: 1746/Chuo, Tony

Title: NICKEL METAL HYDRIDE BATTERY WITH IMPROVED SEPARATOR

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed on March 13, 2006 to which a response is due on or before August 14, 2006 with a two-month extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 05-1068.